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 In this latest release, produced by William Russell Productions for the American Film Company, he borrows the uniform of an accommodating policeman in order to woo "the girl," having been told she is a lady's maid. How the uniform gets him into a lively scrap with an ugly gunman; how, with its authority, seconded by his original method, he cleans up a lawless western town in less than twenty-four hours; how he manages his trip to the star, and then breaks up the wedding in order to dodge a supposed thrilling happening that are crowded into the five reels of fun and romance.
 Here, lovely Elleanore, again plays opposite Russell. Their excellent team work will prove a joy to you when you see "Brass Buttons" at the Star Theatre today.

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GUS HILL'S PEERLESS MINSTREL SHOW AT THE GRAND TODAY

Many Clever Comedians in Company of Forty-Five Artists.

Lovers of old-time minstrelsy will find much to their liking in Gus Hill's peerless entertainers who will appear at the Grand today, matinee at 2:30 and evening at 8:15. The company is a strong one, there being fully 45 members, and each is a gifted artist in his own particular line. Among the comedians George Wilson, George Gorman, Jack McShane, Jimmy Wall, Eddy Horn and Bigger Marx are outstanding. All these are good singers and have a line of jokes that will tap the risibility of the most jaded playgoer. Among the dancers, James Barardi, Edward Clifford and Joseph Quinn are noteworthy. The show shows several excellent pantomime and other scenes redolent of the sunny south. Many clever skits and burlesques are also offered, and those who love the burnt cork are assured of a genuine treat. The usual performance will be held at noon and a concert will be given in front of the theatre before each performance.

BIG MUSICAL COMEDY, "THE BRIDE SHOP," AT GRAND FRI. AND SAT.

Excellent Cast Presents Latest Songs—Beautiful Gowns Are Worn.

One of the most notable engagements of the season will occur at the Grand tomorrow and Saturday, matinee 2:30 and evening 8:15, the occasion being the first presentation in this city of George "Cheer" management production of the musical comedy success, "The Bride Shop," the book being by Fred De Gresac, whose notable achievements as a librettist are best known for his works, "The Purple Road," "The Eucharistress," "Sweethearts," "The Flo" and several other well-known musical offerings, and the lyrics by Dori MacBowel, with the music by Walter L. Rosemont.
 The play deals with an ambitious mother who is anxious to have her only daughter and heiress marry a title, and who comes very near sacrificing the young lady to an impostor, the expose coming through a newspaperman who is a friend of the family.
 The book is brim full of bright lines and funny situations. The comedy being of the clean, wholesome kind, and some sixteen or more new and original musical numbers of the whistly, jingly sort are introduced during the action of the play.
 Mr. Chees has given the play an excellent cast and a mounting that is the envy of all who survey it, especially in this age of the costumeing, for he knows the gowns worn by the ladies of the company represent an outlay of over twenty thousand dollars, many of them being the latest creations of Poiret, Redfern, Gordon, Mmes. Francis, Dugan, The Orange Manufacturing Company, and Wannamaker, to say nothing of their being worn by a twelfth of the handsomest models Broadway ever boasted of.

Park Flower Beds To Be Educative As Well As Decorative

Committee Will Work Out Tag Scheme With Superintendent Graham.

The board of park commissioners met yesterday afternoon in the utilities commission board room and among other things, appointed a committee consisting of W. E. Saunders, E. B. Hamilton, Frank Wood, William Lawrence and Assistant General Manager A. O. Hunt, to confer with Ernest Graham, the new parks superintendent, with a view to formulating and putting into operation a definite policy in connection with the arrangement of flower beds, etc. Mr. Graham was afterwards called into the room and acquainted with the action of the board.
 The chairman, Jared Vining, told Mr. Graham that the parks board had decided to combine educational with decorative effect at springtime, and to that end an arboretum would be established, in which all the plants would be named by means of metal tags attached to steel rods to be placed in the ground. Mr. Graham was asked to prepare a plan of the arrangement, showing the location of each shrub, so that in the event of tags being lost the identity of the shrubs would be preserved. He was directed to keep one copy of this plan and to provide one for custody in the office of the commission.
 Mr. Hunt reported that he had received complaints of the unsatisfactory nature of the lighting in Victoria Park. He stated that to put in line the lights would involve the laying of new circuits, and the cost of the work would be the cheaper plan as an experiment. The replacing of the present tungsten lamps with nitrogen lamps, however, which would increase the brilliancy of the lights by 100 per cent, would cost only about \$300. The board decided in favor of the cheaper plan as an experiment.
 Asked whether anything had been done to secure war trophies for London, Manager Hunt reported that he had written to the two local members of parliament and to the military authorities in London and Ottawa. He had been informed that the distribution would be made direct from Ottawa, and that London would receive its share of the trophies to be distributed.
 Queen's Park came in for its share of discussion. The board decided that it was useless to consider doing any permanent work in the way of returning, as with the holding of the annual fair and other events, it would never have a chance to grow, and the money spent on it would be wasted. Mr. Hunt stated that the ground had been considerably set up as a result of the use of the park by the military, and he was authorized to apply to the military authorities for reimbursement of the cost of remedying this.
 The board decided to allow the McClary Manufacturing Company to use Chelsea Green park for garden allotments for its employees again this year.

Traffic Held Up When Cars Collide

Traffic on the Oxford and Ottawa lines was held up about an hour and a half last night when two street cars collided about 10:35 p.m. at Wellington and Horton streets. Oxford car 160 was moving west on Horton and met Ottawa car No. 130 moving from Wellington onto Horton. The cars were slightly damaged and derailed, but no one was hurt, according to the officials of the company. The Oxford line was cleared at 11:30, but the wrecking crew did not get the Ottawa line open till about 1:30 this morning.



Scene from "The Unpardonable Sin," the super-picture that has been attracting capacity audiences to the Majestic Theatre all this week. In addition to this great feature, a Mack-Sennet comedy, "East Lynne With Variations," will be shown today, Friday and Saturday. An augmented orchestra furnishes a special musical program during the presentation of this production. Showing again today, Good Friday and Saturday.

REQUEST FOR \$195,000 SCHOOL DEBENTURES TO BE VOTED ON IN JANUARY IF BOARD DESIRES

The question of the reinstatement of Thomas Tozer to the fire department was referred to the chief.
 "I will have nothing to do with it," said Chief Aitken. "He was dismissed by the union, and if the union is willing to put him on again I am satisfied."
 He agreed to bring in a report at the next meeting, but he would not take the onus of reinstating him.
 Change of May 1.
 It was decided to adopt the report of the chief on the adoption of the two-platoon system of commence on May 1, and the rules drawn up by him were also appointed. Six lieutenants will be appointed to relieve the captains during one shift.
 In reference to clean-up week during the first week in May, it was decided to issue a proclamation asking that the citizens observe this week.
 At the request of Hamilton council a petition to the governor-general to take steps to have the manufacture and sale of oocumarratin continued in Canada was approved.
 The G. T. R. shermen asked the use of Queen's Park for recreation purposes. This was recommended to the utilities commission.
 On the request of Assessment Commissioner Stephen Grant it was decided to pay Assessor A. McCauley for the full two months leave of absence, while ill.

FINANCE COMMITTEE TELLS TRUSTEES REQUEST IS TOO LATE FOR THIS YEAR—TOZER CASE AGAIN COMES TO THE SURFACE.

What the committee did:
 Recommended that the board of education debenture issue be placed before the electors at the next municipal election, if the board so desires.
 Filled the Jewellers' insufficiently signed petition for an early closing by-law.
 Extended the Sunday car agreement for one month at the request of the London Street Railway Company.
 Recommended the appointment of a housing commission.
 Adopted Chief John Aitken's report and rules governing the inauguration of the two-platoon system in the fire department.
 Discussed the request of the board of education for \$195,000 worth of debentures for the building program occupied a good part of the meeting of N. I. committee yesterday afternoon. Chairman J. S. Barnard, Alderman W. T. Strong and James Gray of the board were present to urge the approval of the debenture issue. Chairman Barnard repeated the reasons the board had for asking for the same amount as originally stipulated.
 Send to Electors.
 Alderman C. G. Moorhead moved that the debenture issue be referred to the electors at the next municipal elections if the board wished this done.
 Mr. Barnard pointed out that the board had been elected by the citizens, and while it had been said that the board was extravagant, he denied that this was the case. At any rate we are elected by the citizens to look after the work of the schools," said he. "This we are endeavoring to do, and we are answerable to the citizens for our work while on the board."
 Alderman F. E. Harley queried as to what else could be done than to lay the question over till next year. Nothing could be done after the estimates had been completed for the year he thought.
 Let Go as Overdraft.
 A. A. Saunders stated that the money would not be needed until September and it would not be a serious situation if interest and sinking fund necessary for the half year, about \$7,000, were provided by means of an overdraft. He pointed out that the board had reduced its overdraft last year by about \$5,000.
 W. T. Strong asked if the solicitor had been consulted in reference to the legality of raising the money this way.
 He was informed that the city solicitor had said that the debt could be dated ahead for two years, but it would be necessary for the board of education to raise the money in advance of the sinking fund, thus relieving the situation for a while, it would be meretricious to make the board of education issue the debentures. He instanced the present Coliasette institute, which it was reported would need to be rebuilt shortly after the debentures were issued, and it had not done so. The board had waited too long for any action this year.
 Chairman Barnard submitted that the council had no right to pass the question without considering this requisition of the council. "As for the request of the council to have data if possible sent to the council early in the year, I have personally never known anything of it," said he.
 "It must have been the fault of your secretary, then," said the mayor, who stated that the requisition had not been received until the estimates had been passed.
 Only Two Voted.
 Trustee Strong thought that the secretary must be at fault in the question.
 Chairman L. S. Holmes of the committee thought that the discussion had proceeded long enough and called for an expression of opinion on the motion. Ald. Moorhead and S. R. Minness voted in favor of it and no person cast a vote against it, and it was declared carried.
 A communication from the London Street Railway Company requesting that the Sunday car agreement be extended for one month was read, and this action was approved by the committee.
 Manager C. B. King in the letter explained that the company wished to take up the question of Sunday cars to Springbank at the same time that the city Sunday car agreement is discussed, and that the company was not ready to proceed as yet.
 For Housing Commission.
 J. G. Richter, E. R. Dennis, Donald Wright and Major Gordon Ingram were recommended for the housing commission, under the housing act.
 It was decided to send Ald. O. L. Cunningham and Ald. C. G. Moorhead to Ottawa on April 25 to strengthen the request for improvements in Fort Stanley harbor.
 Ald. Cunningham suggested that the petition should be instructed as to what was wanted, as members of deputations had been said to knock the object for which they were sent to boost.



Jack McDonald and Billie Rhodes in "The Girl of My Dreams," an Affiliated Release. Showing at the Patricia Theatre today, Friday and Saturday. Also Larry Seman in "Well I'll Be—" and Archer and Carr in a vaudeville skit, "Love Me, Love My Dog."

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